

sPHENIX EMCal

Module production R&D at BNL

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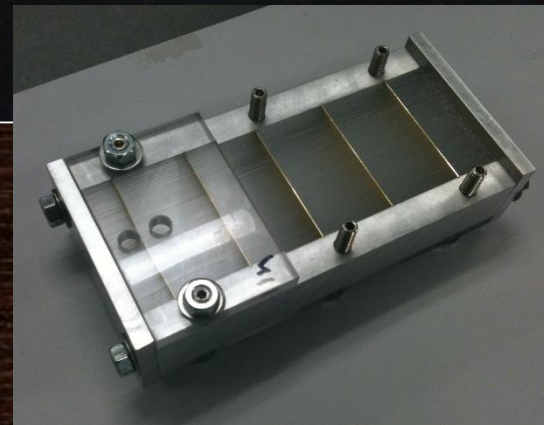
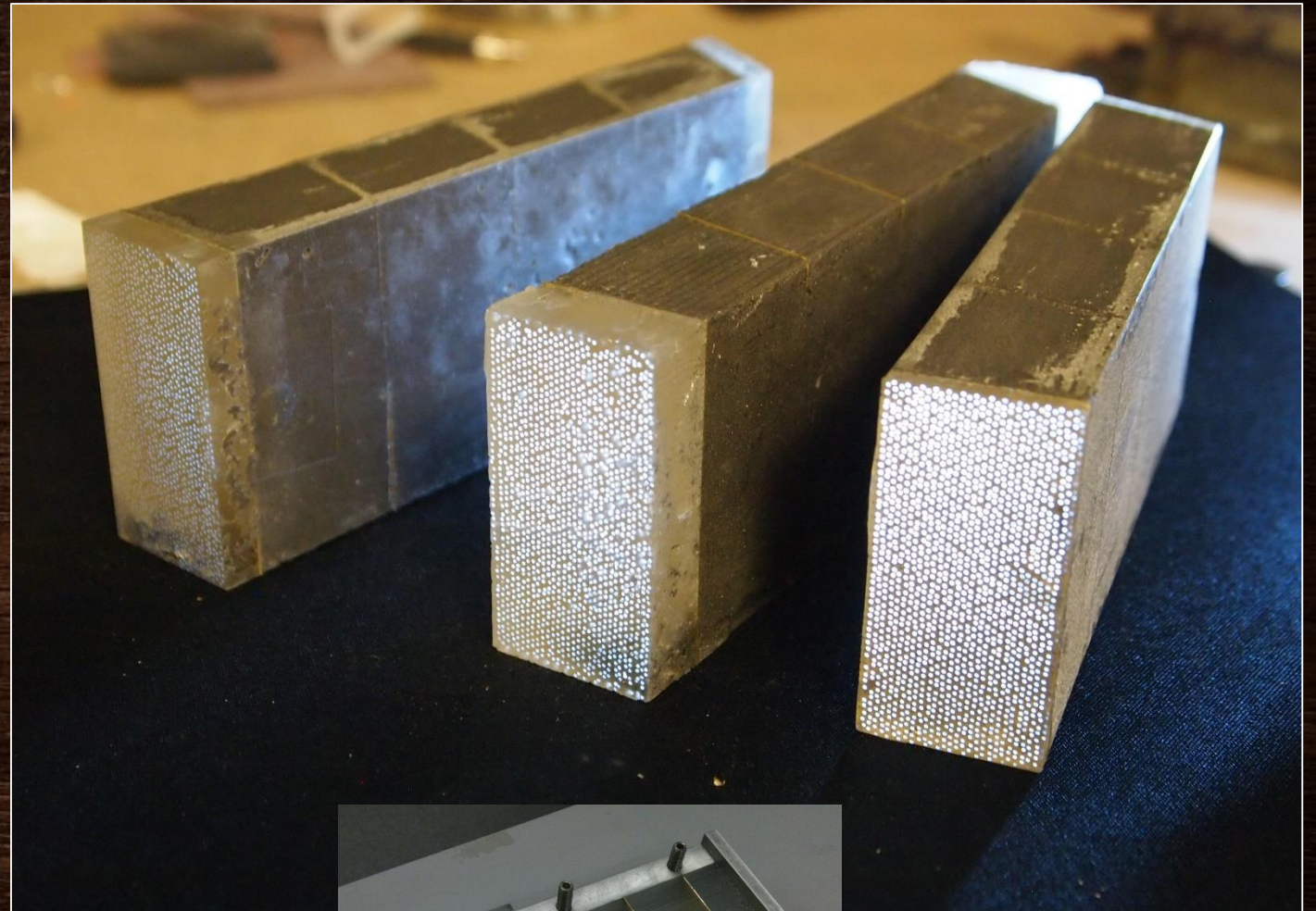
Progress

- Since producing our first module in February, we have produced:
- five 1D tapered, 2 tower modules
- three 2D tapered, 1 tower modules
- developed molds and 2 different techniques for producing modules:
 - stepped meshes
 - tilted wire frames
- worked out fiber/screen filling procedure and developed fixtures for production

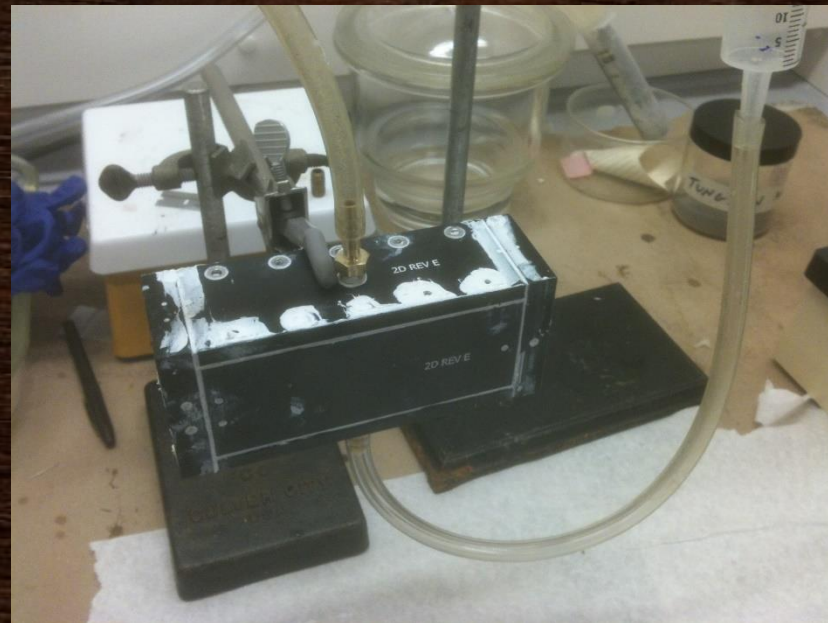
We have produced 5 modules at BNL so far, but have slowed the production of 1-D projective modules.

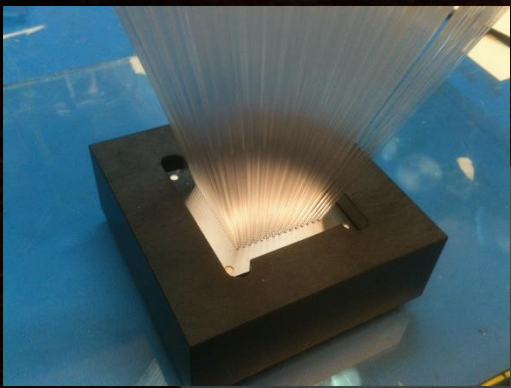
Still some issues:

- bubbles/vacancies in clear ends
- surface finish
- fiber position uniformity?
- module densities $\sim 9.6\text{-}9.7\text{ g/cm}^3$ (W/fiber/epoxy region)
- density uniformity?
- W cubes density $\sim 12\text{g/cm}^3$

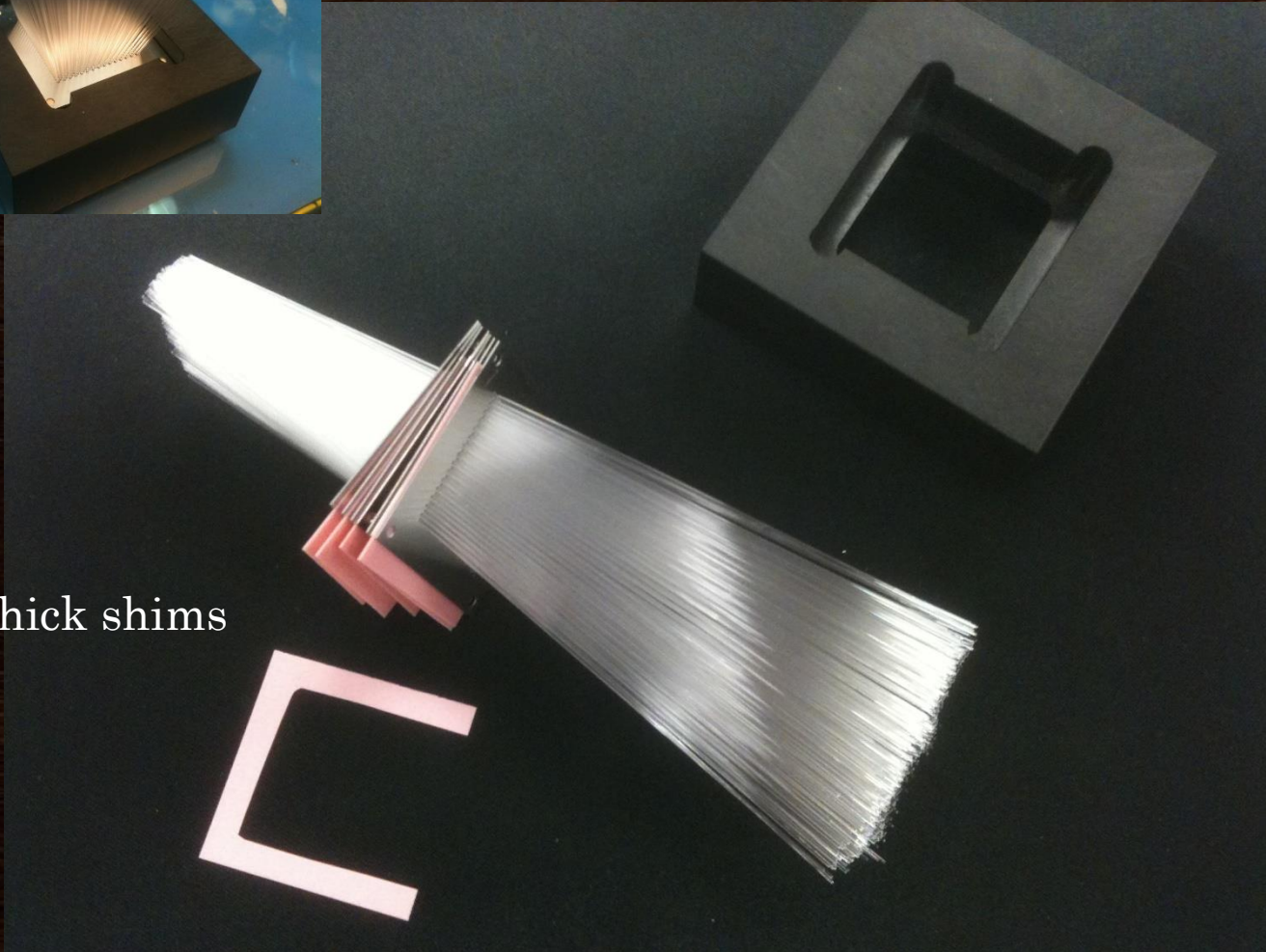


- 2D tapered module production
- made progress with mold design
- much tighter fit – no leaks
- still had some trouble getting module out of mold
- densities low: $\sim 9 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- readout end finishing/polish

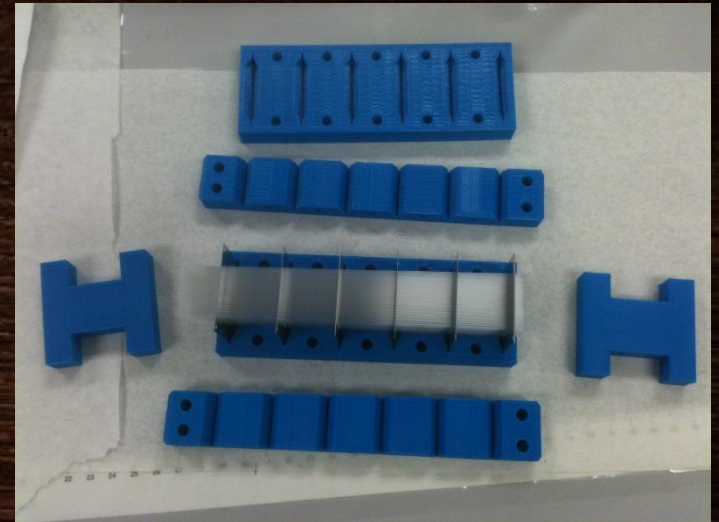
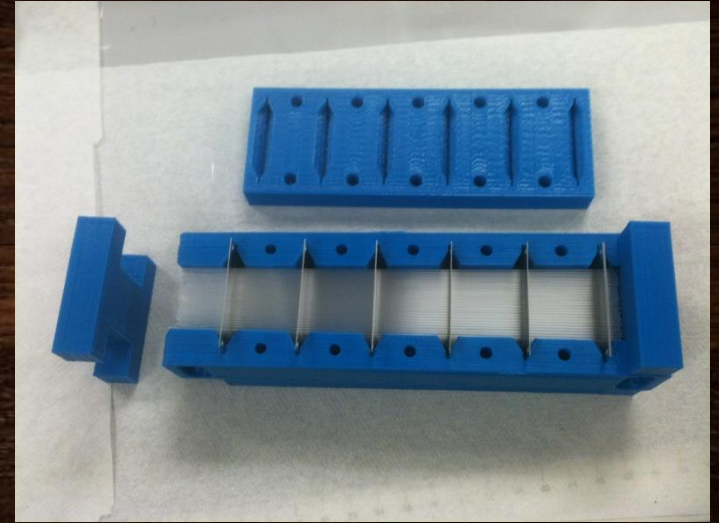




0.015" thick shims

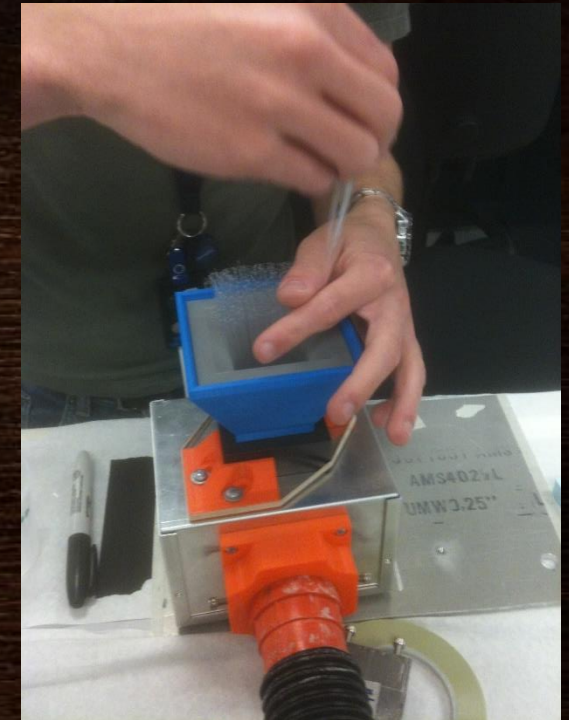
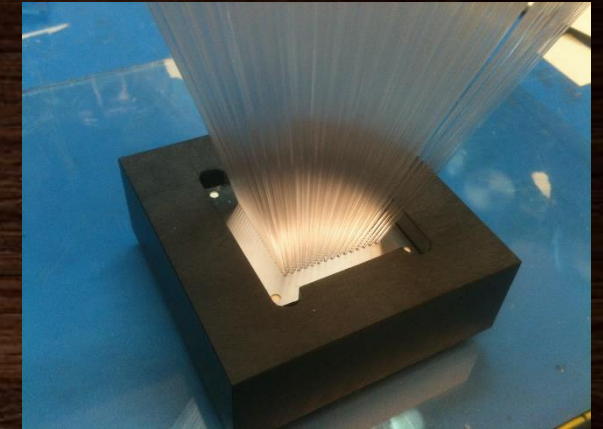


fiber/screen filling of 2D projective module manufacturing



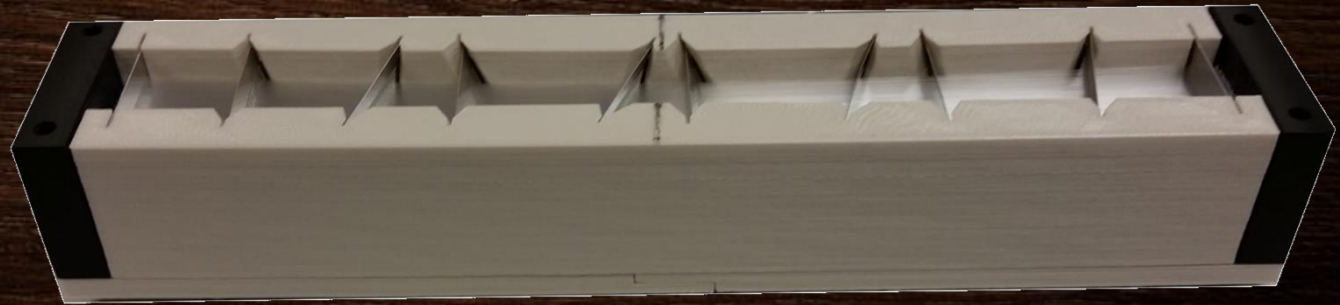
Refining process for loading fibers into screens

- Tuning shim spacing between screens
 - Added a funnel/hopper to facilitate loading
 - Tuned funnel pitch with shim spacing
 - Added vacuum attachment
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- Loading times consistently < 10 min for stepped screens,
 - faster for “straight through” screens and wire frames
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- Scaleable to 2x2 tower modules? – tune shim spacing, hole size/shape



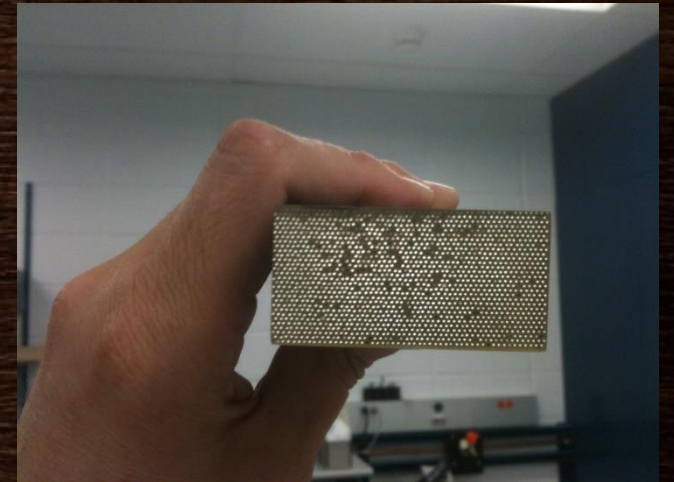
TILTED WIREFRAMES

- Made initial proof of principle fixture
- filled stacked wire frames with fibers and inserted into fixture
- filling procedure seems non-problematic
- fiber positioning looks good
- sent drawings to be printed



Modules received from THP

- 1D tapered modules – 3 received to date
- they have improved their process, but have problem registering the module for machining without damaging fibers.
- discussed relaxing dimension tolerances for testbeam modules



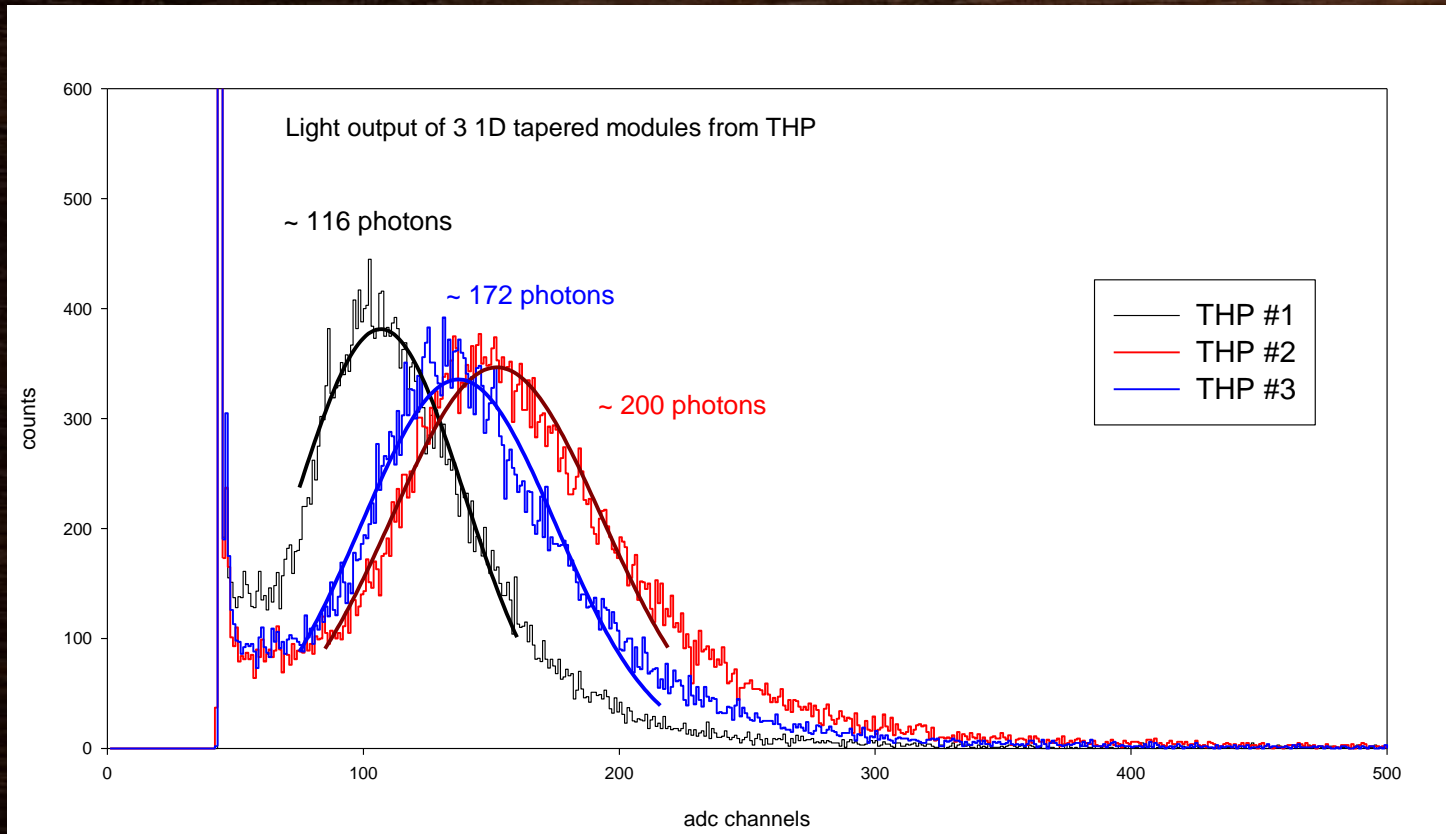
Tungsten/fiber modules from Tungsten Heavy Powder.

- Received 3rd module
- Density is similar to others
- Problem with machining of fibers – damaged perimeter fibers
- Surface finish different from previous 2 samples?
- Fiber fill – 100%
- Fiber positioning – good
- Screen alignment - good

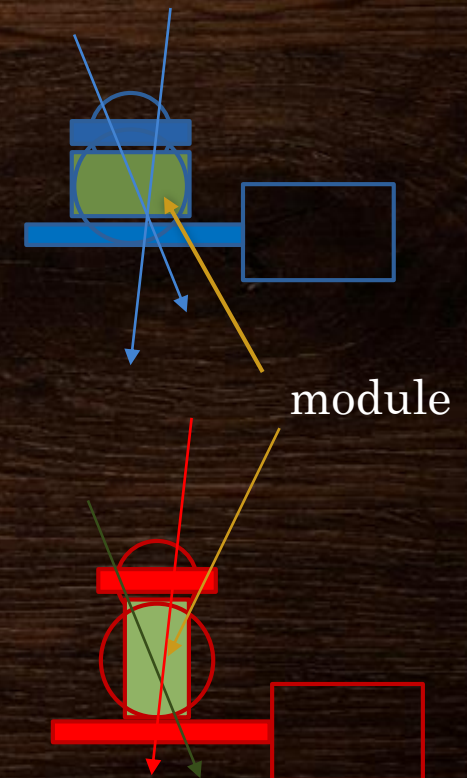
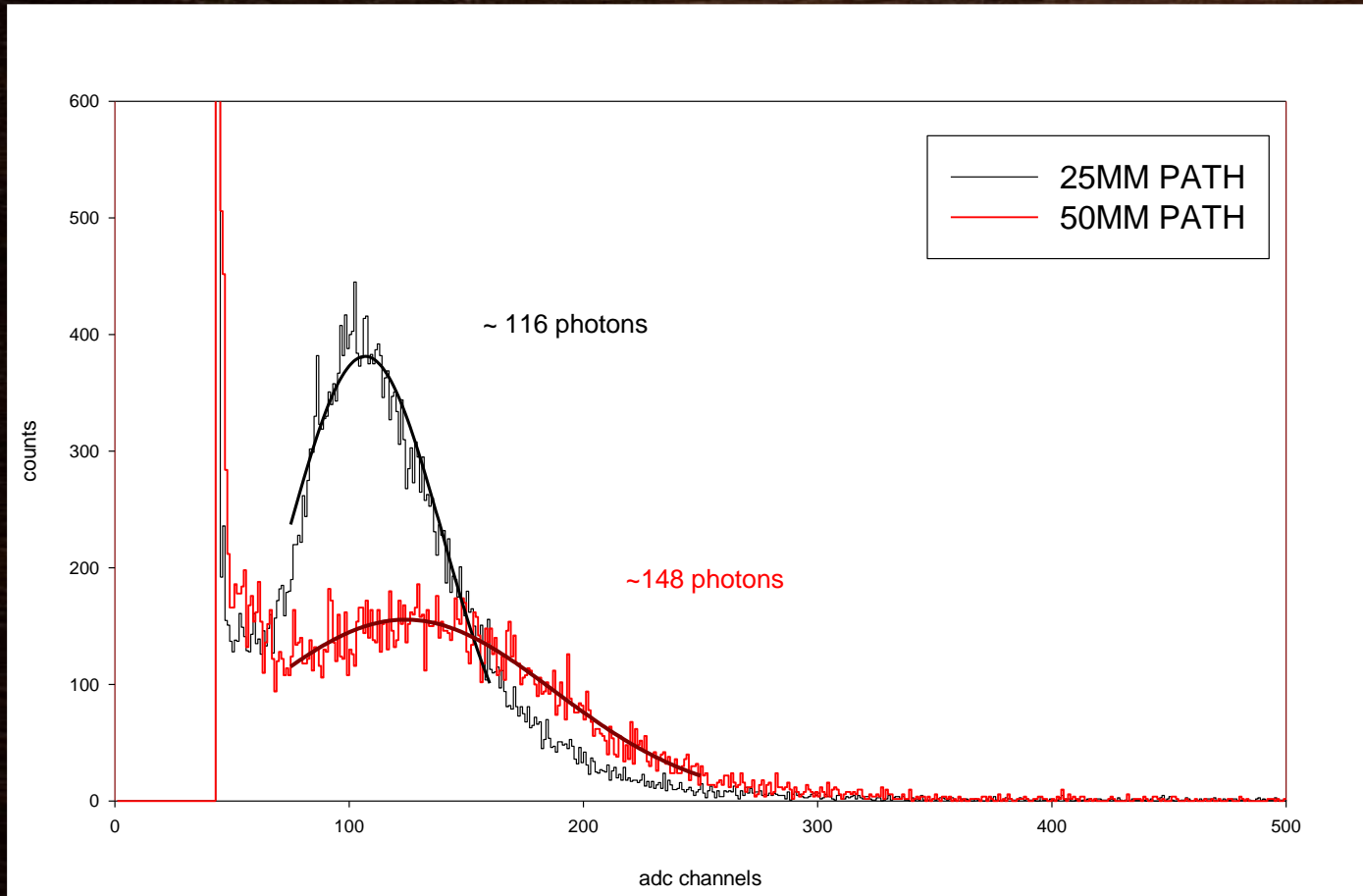
Module #					
			I	II	III
module weight (g)			1699	1716	1682
module avg density (g/cm3)			9.07	8.98	8.96
W/epoxy region density (g/cm3)			9.75	9.63	9.74

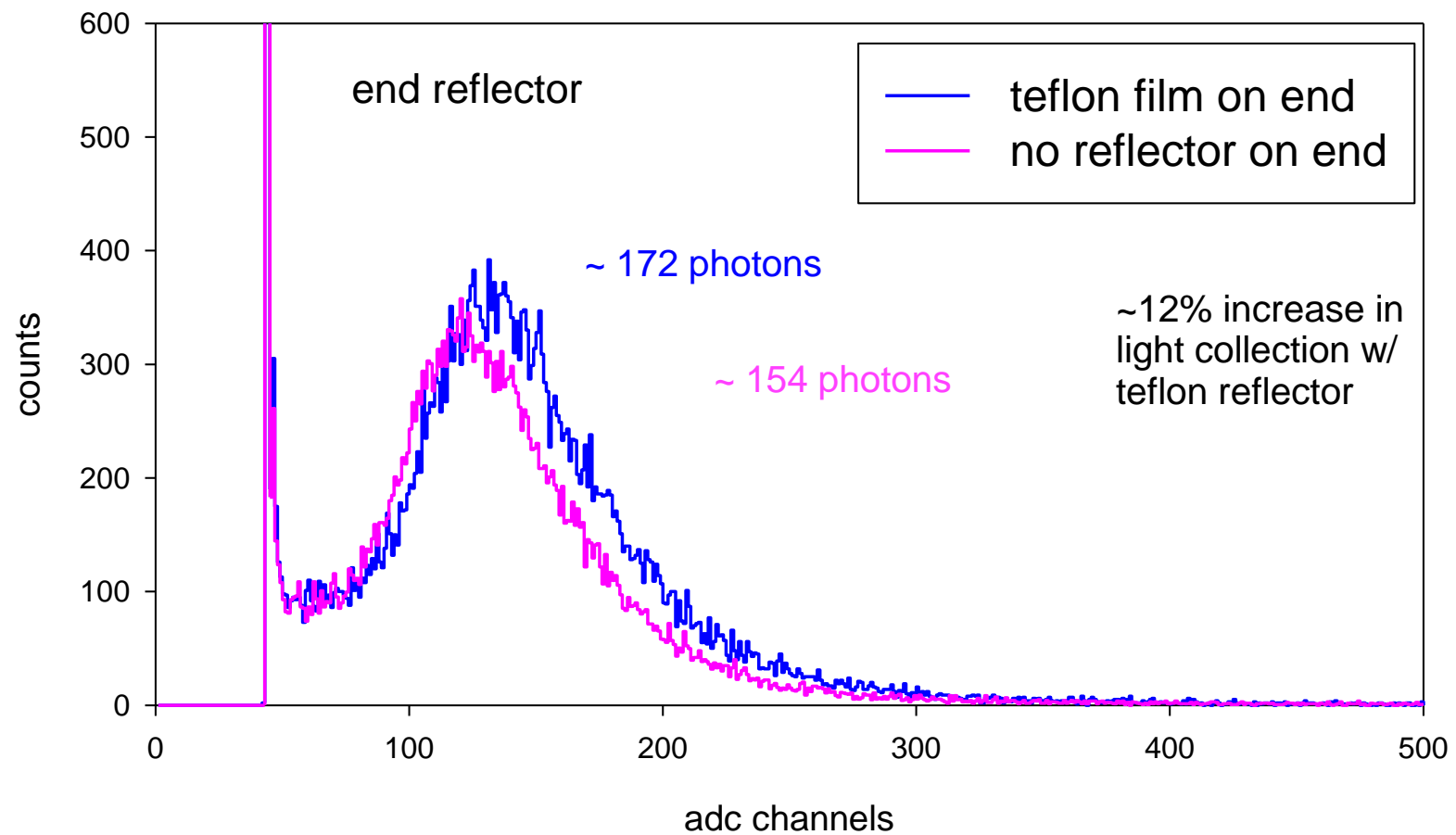


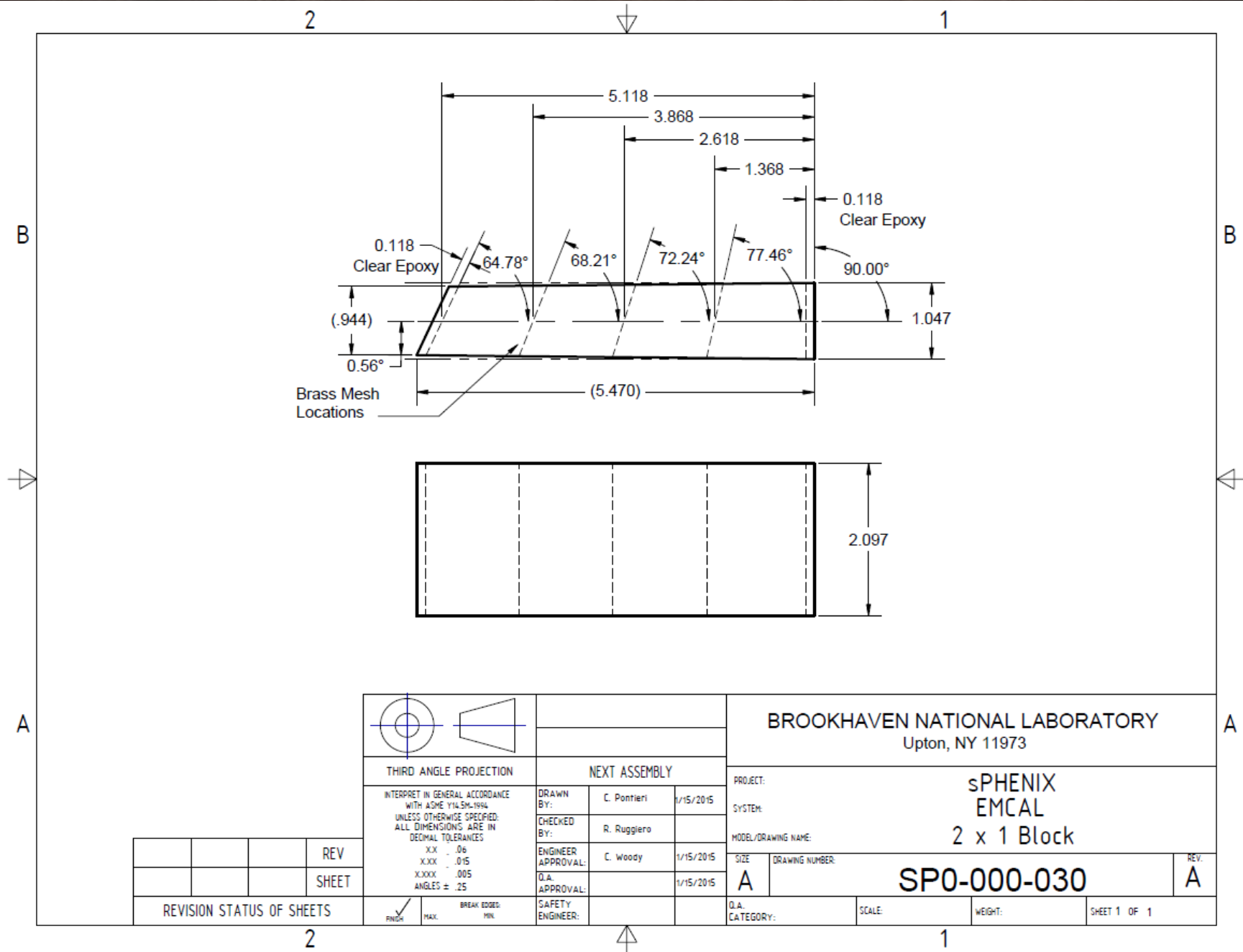
Measured light output of sample modules from THP



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New module
drawing
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